



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Mayor Walter Fajet, Ed.D.

Vice Mayor Orlando Lamas
Councilman Joseph Dion

Councilman Jorge Santin
Councilman Fabian Perez-Crespo

Decorum: "Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the City Council, shall be barred from further audience before the City Council by the Mayor, unless permission to continue or again address the City Council is granted by the majority vote of the City Council members present. In accordance with the foregoing, the City Council has determined that racial or ethnic slurs, personal attacks and comments unrelated to City matters or issues constitute prohibited comments from the podium."

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Council Chambers, 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida

(In-person and virtually; See the end of the Agenda for additional information)

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Invocation:**
 - A) Led by Councilman Joseph Dion
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Audience will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.
4. **Agenda/Order of Business**
5. **Awards & Presentations**
 - A) Recognizing James Dean, Aquatic Supervisor for his 10 years of dedicated service to the City of Miami Springs
6. **Open Forum:** Persons wishing to speak on items of general City business, may do so in person or via email by following the instructions at the back of this agenda. The purpose of Open Forum is to encourage residents and members of the public to address their concerns and make comments on any item. **The City Council will not enter into a dialogue at this time. City staff will gladly address any question, issue, and/or comment after the meeting. The Mayor is the presiding officer of all Council meetings and shall conduct the meetings accordingly.**
7. **Approval of Council Minutes**
 - A) May 11, 2026 – Regular Meeting
8. **Reports from Boards & Commissions**

9. Public Hearings

10. Consent Agenda

11. Previous/Unfinished Business

12. New Business

- A) **Ordinance - First Reading** - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Revising The Employees' Retirement System And Police And Fire Pension Plan; Amending Code Of Ordinance Section 35-47 To Permit Members Of The General Employees' Retirement System To Purchase Permissive Service Credit; Amending Code Of Ordinance Section 35-61 Of The Police And Fire Pension Plan To Permit The Purchase Of Prior Law Enforcement Service Or Permissive Service Credit; Providing For Conflicts; And Providing For An Effective Date.

13. Other Business

- A) Discussion regarding the proposed Special Election and ballot question on NW 36th Street and possible direction to staff
- B) Request by Councilman Santin to discuss the temporary full circle road closure associated with the City's Centennial Celebration scheduled for August 22, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

14. Reports & Recommendations

- A) City Attorney
- B) City Manager
- C) City Clerk
- D) City Council

15. Adjourn



**CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The City of Miami Springs will hold a Council meeting on:

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers, 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida
(Physical Meeting Location)**

The meeting agenda is available online at: <https://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/meetings>

Elected officials and City staff will participate from the physical meeting location. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person at the physical meeting location, or, alternatively, may watch the meeting by following these instructions:

ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON AT THE PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

The meeting will be held in person at the physical meeting location stated above. Admission to the physical meeting location is on a first-come, first-serve basis and space is limited. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the meeting start time.

WATCH AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING

- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2at9KNnqUxZRSw1UkhdHLQ/featured>
- **From your computer/mobile device:** <https://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/meetings>

Any person requiring special accommodations to access this proceeding is asked to advise the City at least 2 days before the proceeding by contacting the City Clerk at cityclerk@miamisprings-fl.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE FOLLOWING MEANS:

EMAILED COMMENTS: Members of the public may email their public comments to the City in advance of the meeting. Please email the City at cityclerk@miamisprings-fl.gov by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting with the subject line "PUBLIC COMMENT" and the following information in the body of the email: Your Name, Address, if you are a hired Consultant or City Employee, and/or if you are engaged in Lobbying Activities and/or representing an organization. Please limit your comments to no more than 350 words. Public comments received via email may be read into the record during the public comment portion of the agenda, if any.

IN-PERSON COMMENTS: Members of the public may attend the meeting at the physical meeting location stated above and deliver their public comments in person during the public comment portion of the agenda.

Please provide the following information before delivering your comments: Your Name, Address, if you are a hired Consultant or City Employee, and/or if you are engaged in Lobbying Activities and/or representing an organization.

A time limit may be imposed for each speaker during public comment.
Your cooperation is appreciated in observing the time limit.

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determined that racial or ethnic slurs, personal attacks and comments unrelated to City matters or issues constitute prohibited comments when addressing the Council during public comments.

PUBLIC RECORDS

The meeting will be recorded for later viewing and is a public record. The virtual chat, if any, will be saved and is a public record. Minutes of the meeting will be taken and will be made available.

**NOTICE PURSUANT TO §286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES
IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, AGENCY, OR COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.**

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this proceeding is asked to advise the City at least 2 days before the proceeding by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 305-805-5006.

LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

In accordance with Section 33-01 of the City Code, adopting Section 2-11.1(s) of the Miami-Dade County Code, any person engaging in lobbying activities, as defined therein, must register at the City Clerk's Office before addressing the City Council on the agenda items or engaging in lobbying activities. Specifically, all persons, firms or corporations employed or retained by a principal who seeks to encourage the passage, defeat, or modifications of (1) ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the City Council; (2) any action, decision, recommendation of any City Board or Committee; or (3) any action, decision or recommendation of City personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process on such action, decision or recommendation which will be heard or reviewed by the City Council, or a City Board or Committee shall register with the City before engaging in any lobbying activities on forms prepared for this purpose and shall state under oath his or her name, business address, the name and business address of each person or entity which has employed said registrant to lobby, and the specific issue on which he or she has been employed to lobby. A copy of the lobbyist registration form is available from the Office of the City Clerk and online at: <https://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/cityclerk/lobbyist-registration-form-0>.

Have questions or need additional information?

Write: cityclerk@miamisprings-fl.gov

Call: 305-805-5006

Mail: 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, FL 33166



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers, 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida

In-Person/Virtual Council Meeting

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:00 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Walter Fajet, Ed.D.

Vice Mayor Orlando Lamas

Councilman Jorge Santin

Councilman Joseph Dion

Councilman Fabian Perez-Crespo

City Manager JC Jimenez

Deputy City Clerk Juan D. Garcia, CMC

City Attorney Roger Pou

Assistant City Manager Omar Luna

Police Chief Matthew Castillo

Public Works Juan Pena

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Jorge Santin
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:** The audience led in the pledge.
- 4. Agenda / Order of Business:**
- 5. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Recognition of Retiring Educator Mrs. Ana Drew upon her retirement after 40 years of dedicated service with Miami-Dade County Public Schools

The Mayor and City Council recognized the Mrs. Ana Drew for her retirement after 40 years of dedicated service with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. School Board Member Danny Espino and Miami Springs Senior High Principal Nelson Gonzalez provided brief remarks regarding the program and its impact on student development.

B) Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to homes that have celebrated over 100 years

The Mayor recognized the following properties for reaching over 100 years of age: 633 De Leon Drive and 540 Minola Drive. The City Council expressed appreciation to the homeowners for preserving the historic character of Miami Springs

C) Presentation of the Yard of the Month Award for May 2026 to the property located at 851 Hunting Lodge Drive – The Salom Family

The Mayor announced the Yard of the Month Award for May 2026 to the property located at 951 Hunting Lodge Drive (the Salom Family). The recipients were not present.

6. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Yaneth Del Carmen Baez – *address exempt from record*, Tony Carnevale – 841 Swan Avenue, Artie Vizcaino – 1238 Meadowlark Avenue

7. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) April 27, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Dion moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on April 27, 2026. Vice Mayor Lamas seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Lamas, Councilman Santin, Councilman Dion, Councilman Perez-Crespo and Mayor Fajet voting Yes.

8. Reports from Boards & Commissions: None at this time.

9. Public Hearings: None at this time.

10. Consent Agenda:

A) **Resolution** - Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Additional Toro Golf Course Maintenance Equipment And Irrigation Parts From Tesco South Incorporated D/B/A Hector Turf In An Amount Not To Exceed \$11,000 For Fiscal Year 2025-26; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date.

B) **Resolution** - A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Custom Blended Liquid Fertilizers For The Miami Springs Golf & Country Club From Harells, Llc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$15,000 For Fiscal Year 2025-26 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Miami-Dade County Rtq-01039 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date.

C) **Resolution** - A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Additional Golf Products From Taylor Made Golf Company, Inc. For The City's Golf Club Pro Shop For Fiscal Year 2025-26 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$40,000; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Councilman Dion made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Santin seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Lamas, Councilman Santin, Councilman Dion, Councilman Perez-Crespo and Mayor Fajet voting Yes.

11. Previous/Unfinished Business: None at this time.

12. New Business: None at this time.

13. Other Business:

A) Request by Councilman Santin to discuss and give direction to staff regarding potential improvements to Canal Street utilizing parking fees collected from new development projects

Councilman Santin introduced the discussion of making improvements to Canal Street utilizing parking fees collected from new development projects in order improve parking, lighting and other improvements to the area. The City Manager reported that recently approved projects like 30 Canal Street paid funds for parking fees that may be allocated to make such improvements of that nature.

Following discussion, the City Council reached consensus to proceed with directing staff to further explore options regarding potential improvements to Canal Street utilizing parking fees collected from new development projects

14. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Roger Pou had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager JC Jimenez informed the Council that he will provide a full update on Fair Havens at the next meeting, as requested by Councilman Santin. He explained that while he did not have updated information available at this meeting, he previously met with the Fair Havens contractor in the Building Department, where he was advised that they were working to resolve and close out outstanding permits from prior projects. He stated that a more complete status report will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Assistant City Manager Omar Luna had no report at this time.

C) City Clerk

Deputy City Clerk Juan D. Garcia had no report at this time.

D) City Council

Councilman Santin highlighted several upcoming community events as part of the City's ongoing centennial celebrations, including the Curtis Birthday Bash on May 23 at the library honoring Glenn Curtiss' birthday with food trucks, arts and crafts, centennial storytelling, and recognition of librarian Rita Meyer's illustrated book, The Boy Who Loved to Go Fast, which celebrates Curtiss' early life and accomplishments. He also announced the City's Centennial Golf Tournament on June 5, describing it as a premier event designed to showcase the City's beautiful golf course with special amenities and expressing hope that the Curtis Cup will become an annual tradition for Miami Springs.

Councilman Dion expressed his appreciation for his fellow Council members, City staff, the Police Department, and the Chief for their continued service, while also complimenting Councilman Perez-Crespo on his work and sharing his excitement about experiencing the new Council Chambers for the first time. He also encouraged residents to support the community by attending the Pelican Playhouse performances taking place Friday through Sunday at the Rebecca Sosa Theater, highlighting it as a family-friendly event showcasing local youth talent.

Vice Mayor Lamas thanked everyone for being there and had nothing further to report.

Councilman Perez-Crespo recognized and congratulated AIE Charter School's robotics teams for proudly representing Miami Springs at the 2026 VEX Robotics World Championship in St. Louis, commended Springview Elementary along with parents and volunteers for continuing the Bike Bus tradition during National Bike to School Day, and reminded residents of upcoming free community events including the Miami Springs Women's Club Composting Workshop and the Mad Decks Card Show hosted by Miami Springs residents Elora and Will at Miami Springs Senior High. He also highlighted the growing local interest in trading cards and wished the Miami Springs Senior High Golden Hawks the best of luck as they head to Fort Myers for the State Semi-Finals.

Mayor Fajet echoed the Council's sentiments in wishing the Miami Springs Senior High Golden Hawks baseball team the best of luck as they advance to the state tournament and expressed the City's support as they compete on the state stage..

15. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Juan D. Garcia, CMC
Deputy City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on
This 27th day of May, 2026.*

Dr. Walter Fajet, Mayor

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 286.0105, THE CITY HEREBY ADVISES THE PUBLIC THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ITS MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THE AFFECTED PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT BY THE CITY FOR THE INTRODUCTION OR ADMISSION OF OTHERWISE INADMISSIBLE OR IRRELEVANT EVIDENCE, NOR DOES IT AUTHORIZE CHALLENGES OR APPEALS NOT OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY LAW.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, REVISING THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND POLICE AND FIRE PENSION PLAN; AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCE SECTION 35-47 TO PERMIT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PURCHASE PERMISSIVE SERVICE CREDIT; AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCE SECTION 35-61 OF THE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION PLAN TO PERMIT THE PURCHASE OF PRIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE OR PERMISSIVE SERVICE CREDIT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Springs (the "City") sponsors retirement plans which are codified in Chapter 35 of the City's Code of Ordinances ("Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Plans are administered by Boards of Trustees (the "Boards") which serve as fiduciaries for the Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Boards have recommended amending the Plans to permit the purchase of up to five years of permissive service credit, otherwise known as "airtime," with the member paying the full actuarial cost of such purchase;

WHEREAS, the Police Pension Board has also recommended amending the Police Plan to permit the purchase of up to five years of prior police service with the member paying the full actuarial cost of such purchase;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed amendments are in the best interests of the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That the above-stated recitals are hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. Amending Section 35-47 of the City Code. That the Code of Miami Springs, Florida, is hereby amended by adopting Section 35-61, Purchases of prior service and permissive service credit, to read as follows:

Sec. 35-47. – Purchases of permissive service credit.

(A) *Purchase of permissive service credit:* Members may purchase up to five (5) years of permissive service credit, based on the calculations performed by the Plan's actuary. Members shall be required to pay the full actuarial impact to the Plan of the purchased service. Permissive service credit may not be used for vesting purposes. At the member's option, permissive service credit may be applied to reduce a member's normal retirement age (benefit eligibility), increase the member's benefit multiplier (benefit accrual),

or count for both eligibility and benefit accrual purposes. The board shall have rulemaking authority to implement the provisions of this section.

(B) *Procedure:*

(1) Permissive service credit shall not be granted until: i) the member has paid to the Plan the actuarial cost of the purchase, as determined by the actuary for the Plan, and ii) the member is vested.

(2) The contribution by the member of the actuarially determined cost of the permissive service may be made in one lump sum, rollover from another tax qualified plan, or may be made by payroll deductions in installments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years. A member electing to make installment payments shall be charged interest based on the Plan's assumed rate of return. A member making installment payments shall complete all required payments prior to payment of any enhanced benefit under this section. If a member separates from service prior to vesting contributions shall be returned without interest.

Section 3. Amending Section 35-61 of the City Code. That the Code of Miami Springs, Florida, is hereby amended by adopting Section 35-61, Purchases of prior service and permissive service credit, to read as follows:

Sec. 35-61. – Purchases of prior law enforcement service or permissive service credit.

(A) *Purchase of prior law enforcement service or permissive service credit:* Members may purchase up to five (5) years of prior law enforcement service or permissive service credit, based on the calculations performed by the Plan's actuary. Members shall be required to pay the full actuarial impact to the Plan of the purchased service. Prior service and permissive service credit may not be used for vesting purposes. At the member's option, permissive service credit may be applied to reduce a member's normal retirement age (benefit eligibility), increase the member's benefit multiplier (benefit accrual), or count for both eligibility and benefit accrual purposes. The board shall have rulemaking authority to implement the provisions of this section.

(B) *Procedure:*

(1) Permissive service credit or prior law enforcement service credit shall not be granted until: i) the member has paid to the Plan the actuarial cost of the purchase, as determined by the actuary for the Plan, and ii) the member is vested.

(2) The contribution by the member of the actuarially determined cost of the permissive service or prior service credit may be made in one lump sum, rollover from another tax qualified plan, or may be made by payroll deductions in installments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years. A member electing to make installment payments shall be charged interest based on the Plan's assumed rate of return. A member making installment payments shall complete all required payments prior to payment of any enhanced benefit under this section. If a member separates from service prior to vesting, their permissive service contributions shall be returned without interest.

Section 4. Conflict. All Sections or parts of Sections of the Code of Ordinances, all ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all Resolutions, or parts of Resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to May 7, 2026 to include members employed on the May 7 effective date.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this _____ day of _____ 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING this _____ day of _____ 2025, on a motion by _____ and seconded by _____.

Councilman Joseph Dion	_____
Councilman Walter Fajet	_____
Councilman Orlando Lamas	_____
Councilman Fabian Perez-Crespo	_____
Councilman Jorge Santin	_____
Mayor Walter Fajet	_____

Walter Fajet, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIKA GONZALEZ-SANTAMARIA, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENT FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CIT OF MIAMI SPRINGS ONLY.

WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY